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King County Parks and Recreation Division Proposed 6-Year CIP (2010-2015) ¹

Project	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Community Partnership Grant (CPG) Program	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	300,000	300,000	3,800,000
Regional Trails Initiative		5,288,718	5,713,902	6,196,206	2,252,318	6,527,318	25,978,462
Regional Open Space Initiative	3,000,000	4,376,376	4,376,377	4,376,377			16,129,130
East Lake Sammamish Trail	5,255,184						5,255,184
South County Regional Trail Linkages	-	750,000	750,000	750,000			2,250,000
Foothills Regional Trail	699,694						699,694
Regional Trails System Corridor Acquisitions	910,342						910,342
Parks Expansion Implementation	393,088	412,742	433,380	455,048			1,694,258
Mountains to Sound Greenway	352,520						352,520
Soos Creek Trail				3,726,727			3,726,727
Bridge & Trestle Rehab Program	152,350		2,200,766	533,178	3,167,157		6,053,451
Parks Facility Rehab	201,019		490,548	209,842	368,375		1,269,784
Small Contracts	1,075,253	755,875	1,208,154	1,280,643	1,357,482	1,438,931	7,116,338
Evergreen Pool and Roof	(298,904)						(298,904)
Regional Trails Planning	302,170	320,300	339,518	359,889	381,483	404,372	2,107,732
Greenbridge Payment	129,905	129,905	129,905	129,905	129,905	129,905	779,430
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	12,972,621	12,833,917	16,442,550	18,817,816	7,956,719	8,800,525	77,824,148
Notes:							
¹ The 6-year Parks Expansion Levy expires on December 31, 2013.							

Community Partnership Grants Program

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The Community Partnership and Grant (CPG) Program, formerly known as ADOP, is a public private partnership initiative whereby community-based organizations are empowered to design, develop, construct, operate, program, and maintain new and enhanced public recreation facilities on King County Parks land in a manner that does not result in new publicly funded operations and maintenance costs. King County Parks contributes long-term use of land and awards capital improvement grants up to \$100,000 to successful proposals. Several projects also received traditional Parks capital (CIP) contributions up to \$2 million. The community-based partner contributes additional capital resources, in-kind, sweat equity, as well as, covers programming and maintenance at their expense.

The 6 year program is the catalyst for 40+ projects representing over \$64 million worth of new, enhanced, or preserved public recreation facilities in King County Parks with only \$13 million in King County Parks capital investment. Here are some highlighted projects (Updated January 2010):



New Boathouse at Marymoor Park

CPG Partner: Sammamish Rowing Association

King County Contribution: \$100,000 (2005 CPG Grant), land
\$75,000 (YSFG Grant)
\$500,000 (2009/2010 CPG Grant)

SRA Contribution: \$3,000,000+ in capital, all programming, operations, and maintenance for 30 years

Public Programs: Youth, adult, masters and junior rowing, sculling, "Learn to Row" Programs, etc.

Status: Final permitting.

Groundbreaking: Spring 2010; **Scheduled Completion:** Fall 2010



New Community Center at Lakewood Park

CPG Partner: Technology Access Foundation (TAF)

King County Contribution: \$2,000,000 (CIP Grant), land

TAF Contribution: \$10,000,000+ in capital, all programming, operations, and maintenance for 30 years

New Public Recreation: Community center for public programs and events, as well as, TAF education programs including TechStart, Technical Teens Internship Program (TTIP) & Higher Ed Bound (HEB).

Status: Schematic design completed, design/permitting underway

Groundbreaking: Fall 2010; **Scheduled Completion:** Fall 2011



New Synthetic Fields & Community Park in Preston

CPG Partners: Eastside F.C., Issaquah Little League, and Preston Community Club

King County Contribution: \$1.5 million (CIP 316601) 2006
\$800,000 (CPG Grants, 2005-2007)
\$225,000 (YSFG Grants, 2006 - 2007)
\$400,000 (CIP - 316601) 2008
\$300,000 (CIP-CPG) 2008

Community Contribution: \$2,000,000+ in-kind, capital, land acquisition, etc.; \$1.5 million in guaranteed revenue payments to King County over 10 years, and supplemental maintenance

New Public Recreation: Youth soccer, youth baseball, community events and programs

Status: Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 strategy with Talking Rain underway.

Groundbreaking: July 2007; **Completion:** Spring 2008 (Phase 1)



New Community Park at White Center Heights

CPG Partner: White Center CDA / Starbucks

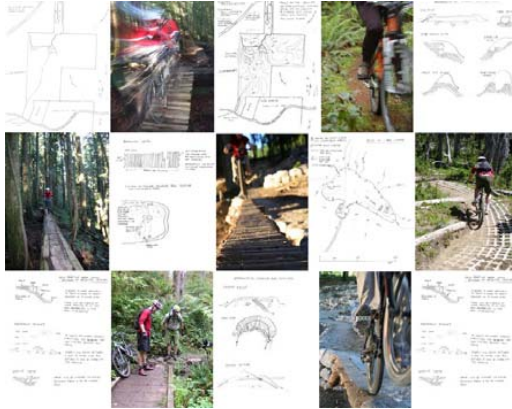
King County Contribution: Labor, project management, park land

Community Contribution: \$550,000 cash (Starbucks), design (UW Landscape Architecture School, 1000 volunteers, inkind, materials, donations.

New Public Recreation: Playfield, picnic areas, plaza, community gardens, trails, community park

Status: Completed, operations underway. Phase 2 permitting underway (pedestrian bridge over pond)

Groundbreaking: Summer 2007; **Phase 1 Completed:** Summer 2007



New 100 Acre Backcountry Mountainbike Facility

CPG Partner: Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club (BBTC)

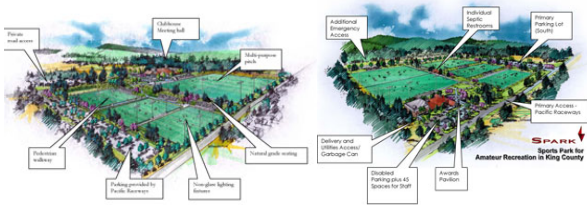
King County Contribution: \$100,000 (CPG Grant), land \$75,000 (YSFG Grant)

BBTC Contribution: \$500,000+ capital, in-kind, volunteer for construction; plus all maintenance and programming

New Public Recreation: Public backcountry riding area and skills park, training clinics, competitions, etc.

Status: Under construction

Groundbreaking: Fall 2008; **Completion:** Phase 1- Summer 2009



New Sportsfield Complex outside Auburn

CPG Partner: NW Parks Foundation

King County Contribution: \$300,000 (CPG Grants) \$75,000 (YSFG Grant)

Community Contribution: \$13,000,000+ in capital, plus all operations, maintenance, and programming. Received \$200,000 NFL Grant.

New Public Recreation: Rugby, lacrosse, soccer practices, games, regional and national Rugby and other field sports tournaments.

Status: Under construction

Groundbreaking: TBD;



New Whitewater Access on Middle Fork

CPG Partners: American Whitewater, KC Roads

King County Contribution: \$100,000 (CPG Grant), land

Partner(s) Contribution: Roads - \$1.5 million as part of Mt Si Bridge onsite mitigation project, AW will develop improvements from staging area to riverside put-in and provide operations and maintenance of completed facility.

New Public Recreation: Whitewater recreation access on Middle Fork Snoqualmie

Status: Road mitigation project completed, access road and parking lot constructed. Planning and coordination underway for Phase 1 whitewater facilities construction this Summer.

Groundbreaking: Spring 2010 **Completion:** Summer 2010

Project Scope: Phase 1; 1 synthetic soccer field, 1 synthetic baseball field, new community meadow, community park improvements, etc.

Partners Contribution: \$TBD (planning, design, capital, fundraising, etc.), supplemental operations and maintenance

Status: Design development and permitting

King County Contribution: \$1,200 (CPG Grant), park land
\$2,000 (new flight benches)

New Public Recreation: Public RC flying (gas, electric, and gliders) on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, and Saturdays, youth education programs on model airplanes and airplane/flight science

MVAS Contribution: Event-related improvements, programming, online registration, operations and maintenance

Status: Completed, operations underway. Agreement renewal in 2010.

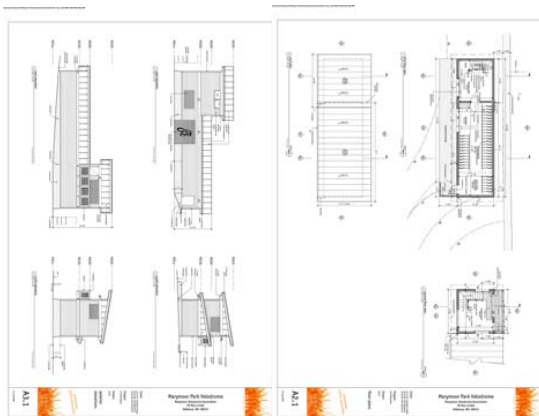


Groundbreaking: Summer 2007; **Completion:** Winter 2007/Spring 2008

Completion: Spring 2006, final surface improvements in 2007

Groundbreaking: Summer 2007 **Completion:** Spring 2008

Groundbreaking: Spring 2007; **Completion:** Summer 2009 (Phase 2)



New Velodrome Building at Marymoor Park

CPG Partner: Marymoor Velodrome Association (MVA)

Project Scope: New velodrome racing support building

King County Contribution: \$150,000 (CPG Grant), park land

MVA Contribution: Design, construction, most maintenance and operations, and all programming.

New Public Recreation: Velodrome racing, bike storage, race program support

Status: Completed

Groundbreaking: Summer 2007; **Completion:** Spring 2008



Baseball Complex Improvements

CPG Partner: Kirkland National Little League (KNLL)

Project Scope: batting cages, utilities, new fencing, etc.

King County Contribution: \$60,000 (CPG Grant), park land

KNLL: Design, construction, volunteers, supplemental maintenance and operations, etc.

New Public Recreation: Youth baseball, community

Status: Completed

Groundbreaking: Spring 2008 **Completion:** Fall 2008



Youth Equestrian Facility

CPG Partner: Hollywood Hills Saddle Club

Project Scope: complete arena overhaul, new parking, bleachers, etc.

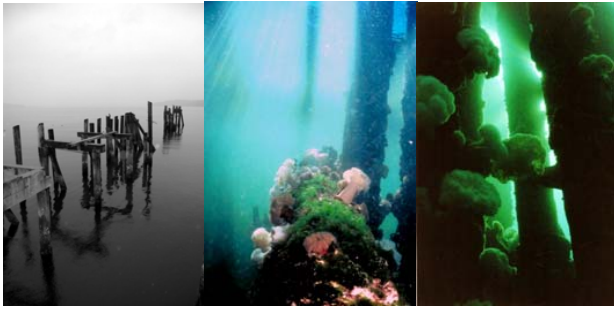
King County Contribution: \$100,000 CPG Grant, park land

HHSC Contribution: All improvements, operations, maintenance, programming, etc.

Public Recreation: Youth equestrian events, competitions, training

Status: Completed

Groundbreaking: Summer 2008 **Completion:** Spring 2009



Regional Dive Park Program

Potential CPG Partner: Washington Scuba Alliance (WSSA)

Potential King County Contribution: Maury Island beachfront possible 2009 grant commitment to regional dive site program.

WSSA Potential Contributions: State legislation, project design, permitting, marine science, etc. Artificial reef construction and programming.

Public Recreation: Shorediving (Washington State is the #1 shorediving destination in North America according to)

Status: Preliminary planning, state legislation



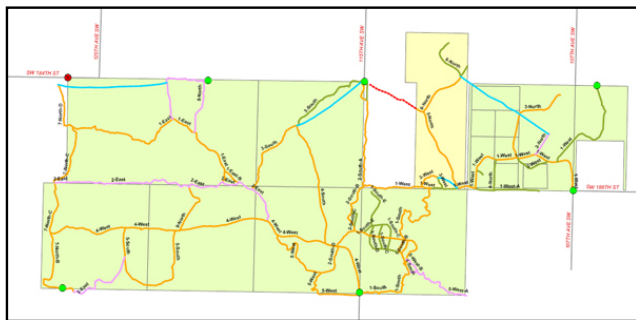
Improvements at 132nd Square Park

CPG Partner: Totem Lake Neighborhood Association

Project Scope: New playground completed, adding swing sets

King County Contribution: \$18,000 CPG Grant, park land

Status: Agreement Execution



Island Center Forest Improvements

CPG Partner: Friends of Island Center Forest and Vashon Forest Stewards

Project Scope: Interpretive trails, signage, trailheads, parking lots

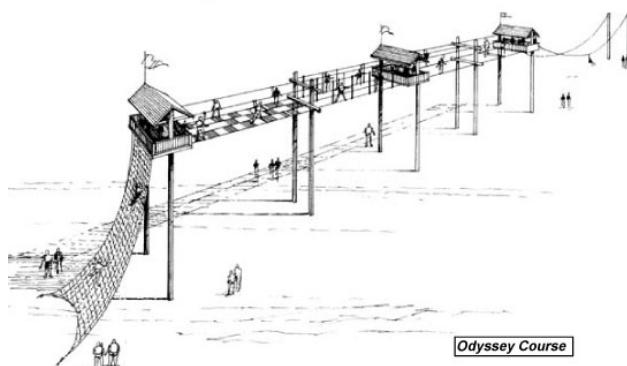
King County Contribution: \$100,000 (CPG Grant), park land +\$40,000 for picnic shelter

Community Contribution: Design, construction, volunteers, supplemental maintenance, etc.

Public Recreation: Equestrian, hiking, mountainbiking, hunting

Status: Phase 1 completed, Phase 2 permitting underway.

Groundbreaking: Summer 2008 **Completion:** Fall 2009



New Challenge Course at Cottage Lake Park

CPG Partner: YMCA of Greater Seattle

King County Contribution: \$92,500 (CPG Grant), park land

YMCA Contribution: \$60,000 in capital and in-kind, all programming and maintenance costs.

Project Scope: New challenge course

New Public Recreation: Teambuilding and problem solving programs and related curriculums for day camp participants, community groups, corporations, and public at large.

Status: Completed, Operations underway

Groundbreaking: Fall 2006; **Completed:** Fall 2006



Renovated White Center Park renamed to Steve Cox Memorial Park after popular White Center community sheriff's deputy killed in the line of duty.

New Synthetic Outfield, New Infield, and Stadium Improvements at White Center Stadium

CPG Partner: White Center CDA

Project Scope: New synthetic infield baseball field and new grass outfield, stadium renovation, new batting cages, park renaming

King County Contribution: \$630,000 (CPG Grant and CIP), park land

CDA Contribution: project management, volunteers, donated materials, fundraising, etc.

Status: Completed

Groundbreaking: Fall 2007; **Completed:** Spring 2008



May Valley Park Community Planning

Community Partner: May Valley Community (via 5-Star Community Center)

Project Scope: TBD

King County Contribution: \$135,000 (Council Grant and Levy Grant)

Community Contribution: TBD

Status: Community planning, feasibility study. Potential CPG to be determined in 2010.



Maury Island Park Improvements

CPG Partner: Friends of Maury Island Park

Project Scope: Trails, lookout point, signage, etc.

King County Contribution: \$20,000 (CPG Grant), park land

Community Contribution: Design, construction, volunteers, supplemental maintenance, etc.

Status: New viewpoint completed. Community planning underway for shelter.



Dockton Park Interpretive Building and Trail

CPG Partner: Friends of Dockton Park, Vashon-Maury Historical Preservation Society

Project Scope: Interpretive trail, signage, and interpretive building depicting the dry dock and the glory days of shipbuilding from 1890's to 1910.

King County Contribution: \$45,000 (CPG Grant), park land

Community Contribution: Fundraising, design, construction, volunteers, supplemental maintenance, etc.

Status: Permitting

CPG Projects in preliminary discussions, feasibility determinations, or otherwise under consideration:

- Petrovitsky Park – Synthetic conversion of 2 soccer fields
- Habernicht Park – Sitewide rehab and river access
- Skyway Park – synthetic conversion project
- 132nd Park play area additions
- Steve Cox Park tennis court rehab project
- Maple Valley Heights Park – community planning, potential improvements
- New Mirrmont Park Pea Patch
- Coalfield Park – Community planning, potential ballfield improvements
- Cemetery Pond – Interpretive Signage (beavers, bog, etc.)
- Grandview Dogpark (SODA South) improvements
- Marymoor Tennis court improvements
- Parking lot improvements at paragliding site

Youth Sports Facilities Grant Fund Projects (2007-2010)

AWARDEE	PROJECT NAME	AWARD	DISTRICT
2009-2010			
Auburn Parks & Recreation	Les Gove Park Barrier-Free Playground	70,000	7
Auburn School District	Alpac Elementary Playground	10,000	7
Auburn School District	Hazelwood Elementary Playground	23,000	7
El Centro de la Raza	El Centro de la Raza Playground	64,000	2
Highline School District	Evergreen High School Track	75,000	8
Northshore School District	Kenmore Elementary Playground	13,000	1
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Delridge Skate Park	75,000	8
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Garfield Baseball / Softball Field	45,000	2
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Rainier Basketball Courts	30,000	2
Seattle Public Schools	Concord Elementary Playground	70,000	8
Seattle Public Schools	McDonald School Playground	13,000	2
2008-2009			
Auburn Parks and Recreation	Brannan Park Field Improvements	50,000	7
Auburn School District	Gymnasium Restriping	11,150	7
B&G Club Federal Way Branch	Gymnasium Renovation	60,000	7
Federal Way Public Schools	Enterprise Elementary Playground	30,000	7
Highline School District	Marvista Turf Field	44,050	8
Issaquah Parks and Recreation	Central Park Turf Fields	50,000	3
King County Parks	Ravensdale Synthetic Baseball Field	75,000	9
North Bend Public Works	Climbing Wall	60,000	3
Renton Parks and Recreation	Ron Regis Turf Soccer Fields	65,000	9
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Seward Park Playground	50,000	1
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Magnuson Park Ultimate Field	12,000	2
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Garfield Baseball Field	30,000	2
Shoreline Parks and Recreation	Hamlin Park	75,000	1
Vashon Island School District	McMurray Field Scoreboard	10,000	8
Vashon Park District	Vashon Athletic Fields	75,000	8

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Youth Sports Facilities Grant Fund Projects (2007-2010) *continued*

AWARDEE	PROJECT NAME	AWARD	DISTRICT
2007-2008			
Auburn School District	Alpac Elementary Playground	20,000	7
Burien Parks and Recreation	Mathison Park Playground	53,317	8
Des Moines Parks and Recreation	Field House Park Ballfield	75,000	5
Federal Way National Little League	Ballfield Complex Lighting	75,000	7
Highline School District	Mount Rainier Track	75,000	5
Issaquah Parks and Recreation	Squak Valley Park South Soccer Fields	50,000	3
Kenmore Parks and Recreation	Saint Edwards Park Soccer Fields	50,000	1
Kent Parks & Recreation	Wilson Ballfields batting cages	30,000	5
Mercer Island Parks and Recreation	Lakeridge Elementary Ballfield	28,000	6
Mt. Rainier Sports and Fitness Club	Mt. Rainier Sports Indoor Soccer Complex	5,460	9
Northwest Center	Redmond Pool	50,000	3
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Amy Yee Tennis Center Courts	75,000	2
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Brighton Playfield	47,250	2
Seattle Parks and Recreation	Soundview Playfields	75,000	4
Seattle Public Schools	Gatewood Elementary Playground	30,000	8
Shoreline Parks and Recreation	Cromwell Park Athletic Fields	50,000	1
Vashon Park District	Burton Acres BMX Course and Disk Golf	10,000	8

Examples of Recent Accomplishments

Acquisitions

- Bass Lake Complex Natural Area (additions)
- Belmondo Reach Natural Area (additions)
- Black Diamond Natural Area (additions)
- Chinook Bend Natural Area (additions)
- Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park (additions)
- Dockton Natural Area (new)
- Evans Crest Natural Area (new)
- Grand Ridge Park (additions)
- Griffin Creek Natural Area (additions)
- Hollywood Hills Equestrian Site (new)
- Island Center Forest (additions)
- Kanaskat Natural Area (additions)
- Lower Newaukum Creek Natural Area (additions)
- Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Area (additions)
- Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area (additions)
- Neill Point Natural Area (new)
- Pinnacle Peak Park (additions)
- Raab's Lagoon (new)
- Tolt River Natural Area (additions)
- Upper Green River Watershed Forest (easement)
- Upper Raging River Forest (easement)

Facility Development and Improvement Projects

- Cottage Lake Picnic Shelter, Restroom, Dock and Boardwalk
- Dockton Park Picnic Shelter
- Foot reflexology paths in 3 parks (sponsor: ÁegisLiving)
- Kathryn Taylor Equestrian Park (partners: King County Equestrian Horse Council, Northwest Parks Foundation)
- King County Aquatic Center Videoboard, Scoreboard, Lighting and HVAC Improvements
- Marymoor Concert Venue
- Marymoor Park Event and Recreation Area
- Marymoor Park Synthetic Turf Ballfield Complex
- Marymoor Regional Maintenance Facility (LEED certified)
- Petrovitsky Park and Big Finn Hill Park Play Areas
- Preston Community Center Renovation and Preservation
- Three Forks Natural Area Trailhead
- Tolt McDonald Park Picnic Shelter and Yurt Camping Facilities
- White Center Heights Park Makeover, Phases I and II (partners: Starbucks Coffee Company, White Center CDA, Cascade Land Conservancy)
- Wifi access in multiple parks (sponsor: MSN)

Habitat Restoration and Backcountry Trails Projects

- Auburn Narrows Floodplain/Wetland Enhancement
- Backcountry trail bridges at O'Grady Natural Area and Cougar Mountain
- Chinook Bend Wetland Enhancement Project
- Grand Ridge Park – Canyon Creek Bridge (partner: Washington Trails Association)
- Island Center Forest – repairing logging-damaged trails
- Lower Tolt River Floodplain Restoration at Tolt-MacDonald Park
- Moss Lake backcountry trail upgrades
- Pinnacle Peak backcountry trail improvements
- Ring Hill Forest – repairing logging-damaged trails
- Taylor Mountain backcountry trail installation

Regional Trails

- BNSF trail easement right of way acquired
- Burke Gilman Trail Redevelopment Design
- Cedar River Trail Redevelopment from Renton to Maple Valley
- East Lake Sammamish Interim Use Trail
- East Lake Sammamish Master Plan Trail Design
- Foothills Interim Use Trail
- Lake-to-Sound Trail Master Plan
- Marymoor Connector Trail linking the Sammamish River Trail and East Lake Sammamish Trail
- Regional Trail System Gateway Plan
- Regional Trail Wayfinding Kiosks (sponsor: Starbucks Coffee Company)
- Soos Creek Trail Development and Trailhead
- Sammamish River Trail Redevelopment

Community Partnerships and Grants (CPG) Projects

- Cottage Lake – High-Ropes Challenge Course (YMCA)
- Mirrormont Park - New 12-acre park (Mirrormont Community)
- Preston Athletic Fields and Community Park – New ballfield complex and community park (Eastside Football Club, Preston Community Club, Issaquah Little League)
- Mel Olson Stadium Renovation at Steve Cox Memorial Park - Synthetic conversion and stadium upgrade (Seattle Prep and White Center CDA)
- Audubon Birdloop at Marymoor Park – A 2.1-mile path and interpretive kiosks/signage (Eastside Audubon)
- Community Learning Space at Lakewood Park - Design for future construction of a 22,000 sf community and technology education center (Technology Access Foundation)
- Island Center Forest Public Access - Trailheads, interpretive signage, parking, and shelter (Friends of Island Center Forest and the Vashon Forest Stewards)
- Hollywood Hills Equestrian Arena Redevelopment – A 7-acre youth equestrian facility (Hollywood Hills Saddle Club)
- Duthie Hill Mountain Bike Trails and Skills Park – A 100-acre mountain bike park (Evergreen Mountain Biking Association)
- Dockton Historical Trail and Shelter - An interpretive trail and shelter with belltower featuring of the history of the 1900s Dockton shipbuilding industry (Friends of Dockton Park and Vashon-Maury Historical Association)
- Maury Island Marine Park Improvements - Shoreline restoration, overlooks, shelter, trails, interpretive signage (Friends of Maury Island Marine Park and Park and People for Puget Sound)

- Ravensdale Park Redevelopment Phase 1 - New synthetic soccer field, synthetic baseball field, and 8 acres of new community park (Citizens for Rural Ravensdale, Maple Valley Soccer, Cedar River Baseball Council)
- Boathouse at Marymoor Park – A new 3-bay boathouse (Sammamish Rowing Association)
- Tanner Landing Park Whitewater Access – A 40-acre public river park with whitewater river access (American Whitewater)

Fund Development

- Cirque du Soleil at Marymoor Park (2006, 2008, 2010)
- First Tech Credit Union sponsors Movies@Marymoor (2004-2007)
- Group Health naming of velodrome (2004-2008)
- US Bank sponsors Concerts at Marymoor (2006)
- The Wash Spot at Marymoor (2007-present)
- Subway at WKCAC (2004-2009) and Marymoor (2005-present)
- King County Parks Legacy Fund

Awards

- National Association of Counties 'Award for Innovation' for Business Transition Plan
- Performance Institute of the National Council for Excellence in Government 'Public-Private Partnerships Award'
- WRPA 'Spotlight Award – Best Park or Trail Map' for the Regional Trails System Map
- WRPA 'Spotlight Award – Best Sports Complex' for Marymoor Park Synthetic Turf Field Conversion

Acquisition Guidance

This information provides further clarification to the information contained in Section 5.2.

The King County Parks and Recreation Division further considers the following elements when evaluating and selecting sites for acquisition:

- Consistent with applicable open space policies and goals
- Identified as a Regional Trail Corridor in the *Regional Trails Needs Report (RTNR)*, the *Regional Trails Inventory and Implementation Guidelines*, or other relevant regional trails plans.
- Provides connectivity, such as an in-holding in an existing King County-owned site, adjacent to an existing King County-owned site, adjacent to another publicly-owned recreation/conservation land, adjacent to a privately-owned recreation/conservation land
- Provides multiple benefits/functions, such as active recreation, passive recreation, habitat protection, revenue generation, greenbelt/greenspace, view corridor
- Buffers/protects the urban growth line
- Provides for increased recreation opportunities that are regional in scope, such as allowing for a recreation use that is not available elsewhere in the system and/or allowing for a recreation use that is underserved elsewhere in the system
- Able to become financially sustainable through direct and indirect revenue generation, partnerships, efficiencies, or other means
- Provides an opportunity for a public/private partnership in development, management and maintenance of the site
- Accommodates a backcountry trail that adds to/enhances a backcountry trail network on an existing King County-owned site, would allow for a trailhead and/or parking facility, provides trail connection to a Regional Trail, is located within a designated community trail network corridor, is located within a designated Equestrian Community, and/or provides trail linkages between public lands
- Resolves a land/resource management issue, such as providing maintenance access, providing public access and/or allowing for a higher impact recreation use, thus conserving other more sensitive sites
- Addresses needs for cost efficiency/savings including leveraging of other acquisition, stewardship and/or development funds, providing public benefit in proportion to cost of acquisition/ownership, and not providing significant out-of-the-ordinary long term maintenance or capital expense

The Water and Land Resources Division further considers elements when evaluating and selecting acquisitions. Some examples include:

- Provides priority salmon habitat as identified by a WRIA Salmon Recovery Plan
- Provides large contiguous tracts of forest land within Forest Production Districts and Rural Forest Focus Areas identified the *King County Comprehensive Plan*
- Consistent with King County's goals for habitat and natural area protection and restoration

When assessing individual open space sites for acquisition, King County should include the following types of information as part its analysis:

- Identify proposed site's role and classification (i.e. active park, trail, natural area)
- Inventory and analyze proposed site's conditions for assessing suitability for the proposed project (topography, soils, hydrology, vegetation, sensitive areas, wildlife, access, visibility, zoning, adjacent land uses, etc.)
- Identify proposed site's boundaries and any adjustments that may be needed to provide for access, use, management, and sustainability of the site resources
- Estimate future costs of ownership (site clean-up, removal of structures, securing of site, signage, maintenance, etc.)
- Identify relationship and/or linkage of proposed site to larger open space system context
- Assess how the proposed site addresses one or more of the following:
 - Provides ecologically important attributes
 - Adjacent and on-site land uses do not significantly impact the sustainability of the resources of the natural area
 - Adjacent to existing protected land (i.e. public ownership or conservation easement)
 - Of adequate size to sustain ecological function over time and provide diverse and complex habitat for fish and wildlife species
 - Provide multiple benefits including recreation, habitat, aquifer protection and recharge and/or flood-hazard reduction